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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Virginia Code § 19.2-188.1 permits law enforcement officers to testify, at preliminary hearing, to the results of field tests regarding the identity of suspected controlled substances. This regulation establishes the process of approval of field tests for the detection of drugs and outlines the approval authority, criteria for approval, the approval process, notification procedures, fee assessment, payment procedures and the publication in the Virginia Register of Regulations of a list of approved field tests or field test kits. These amendments correct technical errors in the regulations and update internal practices and procedures used by the Division in approving the field test kits.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no family impact.